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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO

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1. IN EFFORT TO DETER PROVOCATIVE ROC ACTION IN STRAIT AREA, PARTICULARLY RECONNASISSANCE PROJECT WHICH WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE GROC MAY BE CONTEMPLATING (SEE FCT 11,920), I CALLED UPON PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO MORNING NOVEMBER 17 AND RELAYED TO HIM GENERALLY REASSURING CONDTENTS OF (DIR 623379 AND DIR 623982). OSTENSIBLY, THE PURPOSE OF MY CALL WAS TO FULFILL THE PROMISE I HAD M ADE
DURING MY EARLIER PRESENTATION ON OCTOBER 17 TO SHOW HIM PHOTOGRAPHS OF OSA CLASS GUIDED MISSILE BOATS.

2. IN THANKING ME FOR THIS INFORMATION THE PREMIER DISPLAYED NO PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITY IN AREA OPPOSITE TAIWAN. HE GAVE NO HINT OF ANY URGENT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INTELLIGENCE INFO. HE DID, HOWEVER, STATE THAT HE HAD EVIDENCE OF ABNORMALLY HIGH RAIL TRAFFIC OVER THE PAST MONTH. BETWEEN YING-T'AN AND POINTS IN FUKIEN PROVINCE. LARGE NUMBERS OF TROOPS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED IN AND OUT OF FUKIEN PROVINCE. AGAIN, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT SUGGEST THAT THESE MOVEMENTS

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WERE RELATED TO A THREAT TO TAIWAN OR KINMEN, ONE MIGHT ASSUME THAT SUCH DEPLOYMENTS (IF THEY TOOK PLACE) WERE IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNAL PRC POLITICAL/MILITARY SITUATION IN FUKIEN.

3. WE ARE, OF COURSE, NOT CERTAIN AT THIS POINT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE GROC WILL GO AHEAD WITH THE RECONNAISSANCE PROJECT, BUT JUDGING FROM THE PREMIER'S RELAXED ATTITUDE I WOULD BE SURPRISED IF HE FELT ANY NEED TO AUTHORIZE SUCH AN UNUSUAL VENTURE AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. I BELIEVE ALSO THAT OUR DEMONSTRATED ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO SHARE WITH HIM OUR INTELLIGENCE IS MOST HELPFUL IN ALLEVIATING GROC CONCERNS.

4. SINCE MEETING WITH PREMIER I HAVE ALSO HAD TALK WITH GENERAL LAI MING-TANG, CHIEF OF STAFF, MND, ABOUT SUBJECT MATTER OF MY TALK WITH PREMIER, WHILE GENERAL LAI REFLECTED LOW-KEY CONCERN ABOUT EVIDENCE HE BELIEVES HE HAS THAT PRC AIRCRAFT FLYING FARTHER OFFSHORE IN STRAIT AREA AND THAT CHING-YANG (SHATI) AIRFIELD CURRENTLY CARRYING MORE COMBAT AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC, HE ALSO GAVE NO INDICATION OF BEING UNDULY DISTURBED.

5. AT YOUR DISCRETION PLEASE PASS HABIB.
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